MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise.

Confirmation of clerks in the Registration Department.

340. ***MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of permanent appointments of clerks made by the Director of Registration since Kumbhom 1109 ;

(*b*) whether there is any standing order of Government regarding the confirmation of clerks in the Registration Department ;

(*c*) whether the Director of Registration has contravened the above order in the matter of confirmation of certain clerks and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether they will furnish a list of such appointments, with particulars regarding the names of clerks so confirmed, the dates of first entertainment, the total periods of acting service and the dates of confirmation ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Nine.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) and (*d*) In view of answer to part (*b*), these do not arise.

Appointments in the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

341. ***MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applications for non-gazetted posts received by the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries from each of the communities of the State ever since he assumed charge ; and

(*b*) the number appointed from each community ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*).

Community	*Number of applications received for non-gazetted posts.*	*Number appointed from each community*
Brahmin	11	2
Nairs	45	4
Ezhava	10	2
Other Hindus	44	7
Christians	32	2
Muhammedans	5	...

Age-limit for the retirement of Government Officers.

342. ***MR. K. SANKARAN** (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government contemplate to raise the present age-limit of 55 fixed for the retirement of Government servants from service ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

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